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Substitute House Bill No. 5241
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 30, 2018

***AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACIST AND PRACTITIONER
COMPLIANCE RATES AND THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG
MONITORING PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of
2 Public Health and Consumer Protection shall review the compliance
3 rate of pharmacists and practitioners utilizing the electronic
4 prescription drug monitoring program established pursuant to section
5 21a-254 of the general statutes.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioners of Public
7 Health and Consumer Protection shall jointly report, in accordance
8 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
9 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to public health and consumer protection, regarding
11 recommendations, if any, that they agree are necessary for pharmacists
12 and practitioners to achieve one hundred per cent compliance with the
13 electronic prescription drug monitoring program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2019</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill requires the Commissioners of Public Health and Consumer Protection to review the compliance rate of pharmacists utilizing the prescription drug monitoring program and results in no cost to the state, as this task can be accomplished by existing staff with expertise in the area.

House Amendment "A" changes the effective date and results in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5241 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACIST AND PRACTITIONER COMPLIANCE RATES AND THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the public health and consumer protection commissioners to review pharmacists' and prescribing practitioners' compliance with the electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program's (PMP) requirements. By January 1, 2019, the commissioners must submit a joint report to the General Law and Public Health committees with their shared recommendations for increasing compliance rates.

By law, (1) prescribers or their designees must consult the PMP database before issuing certain prescriptions for controlled substances and (2) pharmacists and dispensing practitioners must submit data to the PMP database promptly after dispensing controlled substance prescriptions (CGS § 21a-254(j)).

*House Amendment "A" changes the effective date from January 1, 2019, to upon passage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/20/2018)